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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PDEV, EGEN, RH  
SUBJ: APPROACH TO UAE ON ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT FUND

REF: STATE 304674, STATE 306303, STATE 307886

1. ON DECEMBER 23, I CALLED ON MINISTER OF STATE FOR  
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FOREIGN AFFAIRS SAIF GHUBBASH TO DISCUSS WITH HIM POSSIBLE  
PARTICIPATION BY UNITED ARAB EMIRATES IN THE ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT  
FUND. NOT YET HAVING RECEIVED ORIGINAL OF JOINT US-UK LETTER,  
I PROVIDED HIM WITH A TYPED DRAFT ADDRESSED TO FOREIGN MINISTER  
AHMAD SUWAIDI STATING THAT I EXPECTED TO DELIVER ORIGINAL JOINT

LETTER ON JANUARY 2 AFTER IT ARRIVES IN ABU DHABI. BRITISH EMBASSY HERE HAD ALREADY FURNISHED ME WITH MIMEOGRAPHED COPIES OF JOINT PAPER AND ANNEXES 1 AND 2. GHUBBASH SAID HE WOULD CAREFULLY READ THE DOCUMENTS AND WOULD CONSULT WITH FONMIN SUWAIDI AND UAE PRESIDENT SHAIKH ZAYID, WHO ARE CURRENTLY STILL IN THROES OF FORMING NEW UAE CABINET AND VIRTUALLY UNAVAILABLE FOR MOMENT. GHUBBASH SAID UAE IS BASICALLY SYMPATHETIC TO IDEA OF HELPING EMERGING AFRICAN COUNTRIES BUT HE CAUTIONED THAT UAE HAS BEEN HIT UP BY SO MANY COUNTRIES THAT IT WAS HAVING HARD TIME PLEASING EVERYONE. HE INDICATED THAT UAE AID DISBURSEMENTS IN 1976 WILL EXCEED \$1.3 BILLION WITH RECENT COMMITMENTS FOR PEACEKEEPING FORCE IN LEBANON AND BUDGET SUPPORT FOR OMAN ADDING LAST MINUTE UNEXPECTED NEW OUTLAYS. NEXT YEAR'S COMMITMENTS WERE ALREADY IN EXCESS OF \$1.4 BILLION. PRESENT PROJECTIONS INDICATED THAT ABU DHABI EMIRATE WOULD HAVE TO INCREASE FOREIGN AID ALLOCATION FROM CURRENT 25 PERCENT OF BUDGET TO 33 PERCENT WHICH HE FEARED WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLY HIGH. GHUBBASH MENTIONED UAEG HAD JUST RECENTLY BEEN APPROACHED BY UN FOR A MOZAMBIQUE FUND AND HE HAD HAD TO FLASH AMBER LIGHT.

3. DESPITE GHUBBASH'S WORD OF CAUTION, I BELIEVE UAE WILL PROBABLY PARTICIPATE IN FUND AFTER IT HAS CONSULTED WITH NEIGHBORING PERSIAN GULF STATES WHO ARE ALSO BEING APPROACHED. RECEIPT OF ORIGINAL LETTER WILL GIVE ME ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO FOLLOW UP AND WILL REPORT UAE REACTION THEN. IT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL IF I COULD INDICATE TO UAEG THAT CONTRIBUTION TO FUND COULD BE SPREAD OUT OVER PERIOD OF SEVERAL YEARS AND NOT BE A LUMP SUM PAYMENT EQUAL TO ONE PERCENT OF FUND (WHICH I CALCULATE WOULD MEAN A CONTRIBUTION OF ABOUT \$13 MILLION FOR UAE).

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